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by Jefferson Davis (1808-1889)

Published in 1881, this history of the Confederate States of America, written by its former President, is an apologia for the causes that he believed led to and justified the American Civil War. Davis spares little detail in describing every aspect of the Confederate constitution and government, as well as accounts of numerous military campaigns. Far more compelling in the views of Davis' contemporaries and to modern scholars are Davis' arguments as to the constitutional and moral justification of the formation of the Confederacy and of the Civil War. This book provided impetus to the "Lost Cause" movement in the post-war South, which portrayed the Confederacy's cause as noble and most of its leaders as exemplars of old-fashioned chivalry, defeated by the Union armies through overwhelming force rather than martial skill. (*Wikipedia*)

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